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7 JESSICA LEE, individually and on behalf of
8 a class of similarly situated individuals,

9 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
10 Plaintiff,
11 v.

12 STONEBRIDGE LIFE INSURANCE
13 COMPANY, et al.,

14 Defendants.
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17 No. C 11-0043 RS

18 **ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
19 SHORTEN TIME, WITHOUT
20 PREJUDICE, AND REFERRING
21 DISCOVERY DISPUTES TO
22 MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

23 Defendant Stonebridge Life Insurance Company moves, pursuant to Local Rule 6-3 for an
24 order shortening time to brief and hear a motion to compel, which it asserts it intends to file on
25 September 13, 2012. Pursuant to Northern District Local Rule 72-1, the Court hereby refers the yet-
26 to-be-filed motion to compel and any further discovery disputes that may arise in this action to a
27 randomly assigned Magistrate Judge for resolution. Stonebridge shall comply with any standing
28 orders or procedures of the Magistrate Judge for obtaining resolution of the issues presented by its
motion to compel, whether on shortened time or otherwise. The request for an order shortening
time is therefore denied, without prejudice.

At this juncture, the only reason Stonebridge has offered as to why expedited consideration
of the motion to compel is necessary is the existing briefing schedule and hearing date for plaintiff's
class certification motion. Stonebridge has not suggested undue prejudice would result from a
continuance of that schedule, should it prove necessary. Accordingly, in his or her discretion, the

1 Magistrate Judge may require Stonebridge to make such a showing in connection with any renewed
2 request to have the motion to compel issues resolved on shortened time. Unless the Magistrate
3 Judge concludes that the motion to compel issues should and reasonably can be disposed of in
4 adequate time to maintain the current briefing schedule and hearing date for class certification, the
5 Court will issue an order setting new dates.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 Dated: September 12, 2012

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11 RICHARD SEEBORG
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE